

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and administrators of Parkridge Medical Center on the occasion of the hospital's fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary medical institutions and their remarkable personnel who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are credits to this State; and

WHEREAS, unrivaled in their dedication to quality and individualized patient care, the medical and administrative personnel of Parkridge Medical Center have been serving the citizens of Chattanooga and the surrounding area for forty years; and

WHEREAS, after private investor capital funded its construction, Parkridge Medical Center opened its doors on February 28, 1971 Parkridge became a hospital system when Parkridge East Hospital, a 128-bed acute care facility focusing on women's services, joined the association in 1996 and Parkridge Valley, a behavioral health facility in East Brainerd, joined a few years later; and

WHEREAS, for four decades, the Parkridge Medical Center has expanded its facilities and services to meet the needs of the good people of Chattanooga and today, with two medical-surgical campuses and a behavioral health campus, the Parkridge Medical Center is proud to offer a full array of cardiac, orthopedic, and emergency care options to each of its patients; and

WHEREAS, Parkridge has remained on medicines cutting edge for forty years, it was the first hospital in the area to install a permanent magnetic resonance imgen (MRI) within the hospital, was the first to offer a full-service GI lab and mobile MRI, and a Parkridge patient was the region's first recipient of an automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator; and

WHEREAS, the field of minimally invasive surgical techniques, the Parkridge Medical Center was the first institution to offer its patients the advantages of robotic surgery with the introduction of the daVinci surgical system in 2002; to date, Parkridges robotic surgical team, which is among the region's most experienced, has masterfully performed over 1,100 procedures; and

WHEREAS, renowned for its orthopedic excellence, Parkridge surgeons have received national recognition for their groundbreaking work in the field of partial and total joint replacement, and Parkridge has been designated as a Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Distinction Center, in recognition of its providing of excellent hip and knee replacements; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Parkridge became the first hospital in the great state of Tennessee to offer the Xofig Axxent High Dose Rate (HDR) electronic brachytherapy (cBx) system, giving cancer patients a more convenient and comfortable alternative to the traditional radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to have such an excellent resource as Parkridge Medical Center, and its health care professionals and valued employees strive to exceed their patients' expectations with the highest quality and most compassionate care possible; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is privileged to recognize Parkridge Medical Center for its countless contributions to the health of the citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and administrators of Parkridge Medical Center on the occasion of the Hospital's fortieth anniversary, extend our gratitude for all they have done to better the lives and improve the health of so many Tennesseans, and wish them success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.